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Claim 41 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weissman/Ceroll in view of US Patent No. 5,285,708 ("Bosten"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 35 requires a first and second optical emitting device for projecting two optical indicators substantially aligned with the first and second side of the blade's kerf. Weissman does not disclose such devices. Instead, Weissman discloses a light 102 that is "focused so that it is directly over the cutting point 102 at the diametric top of the rotary blade." Weissman, col. 5, lns. 8-10. In other words, the light just illuminates the top of the blade, rather than showing the cutting path or act as an alignment aid.

By contradistinction, Claim 35 calls for a "first optical indicator [being projected by the first optical emitting device] to substantially indicate a cutting path of the blade along the workpiece; and a second optical emitting device... [for projecting] a second optical indicator substantially aligned with the second side of the kerf." Because Weissman does not teach or suggest using the illuminating light as an alignment aid by aligning such light with the cutting path and/or kerf, it lacks these elements called for in Claim 35.

Furthermore, Ceroll does not disclose any lights for indicating a cutting path.

Accordingly, the Weissman/Ceroll combination cannot render unpatentable Claim 35 and its dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing, all the claims are patentable and the application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of Claims 35-36 and 38-41 are respectfully requested.

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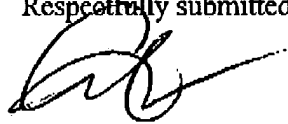
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Respectfully submitted,



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